

Windows Server 2016 Downgrade with Lenovo

Your customers can buy Windows Server 2016 today and if necessary utilize downgrade rights to run previous versions of Windows Server. By utilizing downgrade rights they will have the ability to maintain their current environment and move to Windows Server 2016 when they are ready.

Here is how your customer can downgrade after a Microsoft Windows Server 2016 purchase:

1

Purchase a
Lenovo server
with Windows
Server 2016 ROK
software.

2

Accept the end
user software
license terms.

3

Perform the
downgrade or
authorize a third
party to perform
it on their behalf.

Why Lenovo Reseller Option Kits

- Great pricing means reduced product acquisition costs and increased margins.
- Install-ready kit available at distribution as a part number.
- Windows Server media tested by Lenovo and includes certified drivers for fast install time and great out of box experience.
- Customer has the right to move virtual instances between hosts, as long as all hosts are licensed adequately to run the number of VMs.
- CALs are also available and are not BIOS locked. Customers can use Lenovo CALs to access VL-licensed servers and vice versa.

The Downgrade Process

1. Obtain genuine Windows Server media and a corresponding product key for the version of Windows Server that is eligible for downgrade.
2. Insert the downgrade-eligible version of Windows media in the DVD drive and follow install instructions.
3. Enter the product key.
4. Activate the software.

Lenovo Downgrade Media Kit

- Includes media and product key.
- Offering available:
 - At time of system purchase on Lenovo.com orders.
 - At time of system purchase or after via ROK channel through distributors.*
- The Lenovo downgrade kits for Windows Server 2016 will provide media for Windows Server 2012 R2 Datacenter and Standard.



Windows Server 2016 Downgrade to 2012 R2 Media Kit Part Numbers**

01GU600	Win Svr Standard 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Chin Simp
01GU601	Win Svr Standard 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Chin Trad
01GU602	Win Svr Standard 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Japanese
01GU603	Win Svr Standard 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Multilanguage
01GU604	Win Svr Datacenter 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Chin Simp
01GU605	Win Svr Datacenter 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Chin Trad
01GU606	Win Svr Datacenter 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Japanese
01GU607	Win Svr Datacenter 2016 to 2012 R2 Downgrade Kit - Multilanguage

Additional Windows Server downgrade information

http://shop.lenovo.com/us/en/systems/solutions/alliances/microsoft/#tab-windows_server_2016

**Applies to Datacenter 2016 Reassignment SKUs as well.

*Distributors are solely responsible for providing evidence of end user request and proof of purchase of genuine eligible Windows Server 2016 software. Lenovo resellers may not stock downgrade media kits. Resellers may request the kit after selling the Lenovo branded OEM Windows Server 2016 license and obtaining the end-user request from the customer.